

where. He tried to dodge taxes on them.

When the state's attorney asked him what he was going to do he sent Alfred S. Austrian to the front as his lawyer. Austrian answered a list of questions sent him by Henry Berger, assistant state's attorney.

This letter of Austrian's shows how the family of one of Chicago's most famous grain gamblers and an old pal of Marshall Field have scattered over the world, most of the women into the blooded aristocracy of England. Answering as to where is the residence of each of the trustees under the will of Levi Z. Leiter, Austrian says Nancy Lathrop Carver Leiter did live in Washington, D. C., but is now married to Colin Campbell and their residence is at Saveruoke, Forest, Marlborough, Eng. Margarite Hyde Leiter also used to live in Washington, but is now married to the Earl of Suffolk and resides at Chatsford, Eng.

Getting down to the business State's Attorney Hoyne was after, Austrian admitted that Seymour Morris, another trustee, lives in Chicago. Under the theory that a trustee living in Chicago and holding property in Chicago ought to pay taxes right here in Cook county, Hayden Bell went before the Board of Review. All three members of the board, Roy O. West, Fred Blocki and Thomas Webb, told Bell they had cancelled the assessment on the two notes for \$1,900,000. They didn't believe the Leiter estate should be assessed on these two slips of paper.

Bell had a stenographer along. He took down all the statements of Board of Review members in favor of "fixing" the taxes. Bell then shot a bolt. He told the Board of Review men he was going to have a complete copy of all evidence in the case written out, along with the opinions of the Board of Review.

"I believe your theory of law in this is not correct," said Bell. "I shall insist that you sign a certificate

of evidence, so that I can carry this case to the supreme court."

Before Bell got back a few hours later with the evidence to be signed by the review board, all three of them, West, Blocki and Webb, had unanimously agreed to make the assessment.

This is a sample tax case. Question: Who was it that tried to beat the school children of Chicago out of better school houses and more playgrounds through stopping the proper flow of tax money into the city and county treasury?

One other little point ought to get into the story. That was Al Austrian's explanation of why these two little slips of paper happen to be in Chicago instead of somewhere else. Austrian wrote: "In September, 1913, Joseph Leiter, who may properly be called the managing trustee of the estate, started upon a yachting trip around the world, to be gone about a year, and as a matter of convenience in the collection of interest during his absence these particular notes were left with Seymour Morris, so that when Mrs. Neuberger should make payments of interest the notes would be accessible."

NOW DENIES STORY HE FIRST TOLD OF KILLING

Champaign, Ill., Nov. 6.—Scott Stone, Tolono farmer, who confessed in St. Louis to dynamiting his home and killing his wife and five children at Tolono in order to marry a woman of a Champaign resort, today gave a new version of the tragedy, claiming the dynamiting story was fiction and that he only set fire to the house after finding that his wife had shot her children and herself.

THAT EMPTY BENCH.

While the politicians are squabbling the federal bench left open by the retirement of Judge Grosscup has not been filled. But it now appears that with the defeat of Roger Sullivan and the undivided distribution of